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SUBJECT: EXCON; Dissemination of DCN Case Inventory to Interested Foreign Service Posts

TO: Ankara, Antwerp, Basel, Beirut, Belgrade, Berlin, Bern, Bonn, Brussels, Cairo, Copenhagen, The Hague, Hamburg, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Istanbul, London, Madrid, Mexico City, Milan, Oslo, Paris (Embassy), Paris (USRO/ST), Rome, Santiago, Stockholm, Tangier, Trieste, Tokyo, Vienna, Zurich

As a result of discussions at the Second European EDO Conference held in Paris November 15-19, 1954, it has been decided to distribute to selected Foreign Service posts the inventory of cases established to date by the Inter-agency Diversion Control Network in Washington. An inventory of the 362 cases established since January 1, 1954, is enclosed. In the future the Department intends to transmit regularly, on a bi-weekly basis, a supplement to the inventory listing the DCN cases established during the period together with a brief summary of each case. It is hoped that the inventory will prove helpful to the field in indicating the diversion cases being followed by the interested agencies in Washington and in evoking from posts not immediately concerned with a particular case supplementary information concerning the persons or firms involved. To assist the field in following such cases, Washington now is indicating on outgoing instructions, as part of the subject title or at the appropriate point in the body of the message, the number of the relevant DCN case. Posts are encouraged to submit suggestions for modifying or improving the inventory in the light of experience.

It will be noted that no attempt has been made on the inventory to indicate the priority assigned to a case. This is because a "case" is established more or less automatically on the basis of communications received from or sent to the field, especially when it is anticipated that there may be a number of communications exchanged subsequently between Foreign Service posts or between Washington and the field. For example, a diversion or possible diversion revealed by a Bonn intercept is not normally made a "case" until a follow-up message is received from another Foreign Service post or until additional information available in Washington warrants a message to the field about the case. As a general rule, whenever Washington (or USRO/ST)

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believes that a particular case initiated in the field should be assigned a higher than standard priority, this fact is communicated to the interested posts by means of a follow-up telegram or instruction. The absence of such a communication should not be interpreted to mean that Washington does not have an interest in the case or that Washington does not believe the case to be important, but only that Washington sees no need for immediate follow-up action and prefers to have the interested posts follow-up on their own initiative in accordance with their existing workloads. As a regular procedure, old cases are reviewed from time to time to decide whether they warrant being moved from an "active" to an "inactive" status on the DCN inventory. An effort will be made to keep addressee posts informed of such changes in the status of cases.

It has been suggested by Embassy Rome in its despatch 1258 of December 14, 1954, that for educational value the Diversion Control Network might attempt to make available to the field final case summaries on a routine basis. This suggestion is still under consideration. However, it is believed that at least for the time being available resources can most profitably be devoted to collating the current information being received from all sources on new diversion activities and on the basis of this information, furnishing the field (a) with supplementary information indicating possible new leads, (b) with name intelligence summaries, and (c) with summaries on the possible relationship between cases. However, Washington (or USRO/ST) is prepared, at the specific request of a Foreign Service post, to prepare a summary of the facts on any case in which the post may be especially interested.

Missions are requested to review the list of posts to which it is proposed to send the bi-weekly inventory of new DCN cases and to inform the Department of any additions or deletions desired.

Enclosure:

Inventory of DCN Cases.

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